GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:95
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
RECOMMENDATIONS OF MASHELKAR COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON DRUGS
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pharmaceutical firms have asked the Government to introduce a rational price control regime; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the progress made to implement the recommendations of the Mashelkar Committee on Research and Development of drugs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS , FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) and (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.95 (15th position) FOR ANSWER ON 7-12-2004 REGARDING 'RECOMMENDATIONS OF MASHELKAR COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON DRUGS'

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : In accordance with the report of the Pharmaceutical Research and Development Committee chaired by Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Pharmaceutical Policy 2002, announced by the Government in February, 2002 envisages establishment of the Pharmaceutical Research & Development Support Fund (PRDSF) under the administrative control of the Department of Science & Technology (DST). DST has constituted a Drug Development Promotion Board (DDPB) on the lines of the Technology Development Board (TDB) to administer the utilization of the PRDSF and has made a provision of Rs. 150 crores in the 10th Plan for this purpose.